



ST JOHN'S YOUTH SERVICES



Report to St Peter's College Mission Guild

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Donation: \$10,000 received in September 2025

A partnership creating life-changing outcomes

Your generous \$10,000 gift is transforming lives. To date, this donation has helped 10 young people transition from crisis accommodation into stable, long-term housing—each receiving a tailored Starter Kit to furnish their new home with choice and dignity. These funds will also support an additional 10 young people in the coming months, ensuring they have everything they need to turn an empty apartment into a place they can truly call home. Thank you for nearly 30 years of partnership that continues to give South Australia's most vulnerable young people the foundation they need to thrive.

For nearly three decades, St John's Youth Services and St Peter's College Mission Guild have partnered to change the trajectory of young lives in South Australia. Your generosity provides more than financial support—it offers hope, dignity, and a genuine pathway forward. When a young person receives a Starter Kit, they're not just getting household items; they're gaining the tools to build independence and the confidence that comes from knowing someone believes in their future.

Starter kits: setting up a safe and comfortable home

Moving into a home is a major milestone, particularly for young people who have grown up without stability. Thanks to St Peter's College and the Mission Guild, young people receive tailored "Starter Kits" that allow them to choose the household items they need, from bedding and kitchenware to cleaning supplies and furniture.

The power of choice and dignity

For many young people leaving Youth110, this is the first time they have been able to buy new belongings rather than rely on donated or second-hand goods. The experience of walking through a store, selecting items that reflect their taste and needs, and setting up their own space is transformative. As one young person said, "I finally felt like I was starting my own life, not just surviving someone else's".

Building skills alongside homes

Starter Kits do more than furnish apartments—they build capability. Young people learn to budget, compare prices, and make thoughtful purchasing decisions. These practical life skills contribute to their growing independence and financial literacy. Many describe the experience as empowering and exciting; a meaningful step towards building a home they are proud of.

A legacy of nearly 30 years

The Starter Kit program began in 1996 with an initial donation of \$3,420 from St Peter's College. Since then, ongoing support from the College and Mission Guild has ensured hundreds of young people can leave crisis accommodation with dignity, confidence, and everything they need to succeed in their new homes.

Lisa's Story: From Crisis to Confidence

Name changed for confidentiality.

Your gift in action

Lisa is one of the 10 young people who has already benefited from your recent donation. Her journey shows exactly how the Starter Kit program—and the wraparound support at Youth110—creates lasting change.

The challenge

At just 20-years-old, Lisa was determined to give her baby son what she'd never had: a stable, loving home. Growing up, Lisa experienced the opposite. After her dad passed away, her mum's drug use left Lisa and her sister without care or security. Love and support were absent when she needed them most. Despite these challenges, Lisa pushed forward. She completed school, finished a business course, and secured part-time work she enjoyed. When she became pregnant, she took maternity leave and moved into a share house, hopeful about building a life for her child. But the share house quickly became untenable. Noise complaints and tension from housemates created an unsafe environment for Lisa and her newborn.

The turning point

Youth110 gave Lisa the chance to reset. Living in a safe, self-contained studio apartment, she could finally focus on what mattered: caring for her baby and planning for their future. The support was comprehensive:

- Weekly parenting guidance through the Together4Kids program helped her build confidence as a new mum
- The Youth110 team helped her navigate the complex housing system, registering with multiple providers and preparing applications
- Most importantly, she had stability—a place where she and her son were safe

Then came the news Lisa had been waiting for: she was accepted into Findon Family Housing. "It was the best news I'd had in a very long time", she recalls.

Your impact

As moving day drew closer, Lisa faced a daunting reality—her new apartment was empty, and she had limited funds to furnish it. This is where your generosity made all the difference. Through the St Peter's College Mission Guild-funded Starter Kit program, Lisa received support to purchase essential household items. She chose bedding for herself and her son, kitchen supplies, cleaning products, and furniture. The Youth110 team helped her set up her new home and stayed connected during those critical first weeks to ensure she was settling in well.


The outcome

Today, Lisa and her son are thriving in their Findon home. She's proud of the stable, nurturing environment she's created, a stark contrast to her own childhood. It's a home filled with the love and security she always wanted to provide. Your support didn't just help her furnish an apartment. It helped her build a foundation for her son's future, one that breaks the cycle she grew up in.

About Youth110

Youth110 is South Australia's youth crisis accommodation service for young people aged 16–21 who are without a safe place to stay. Young people come to Youth110 with a wide range of experiences and challenges. With the right support, more than 90% move into safe and sustainable housing, whether that's private rental, community housing, public housing, or returning to family when appropriate.

Although each journey is different, young people consistently describe Youth110 as a turning point in their lives—providing safety, stability, and support when they need it most.

 **Every young person
can make a place to call home.**